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FM AMCONSUL LUANDA

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INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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SUBJECT: MPLA'S OFFENSIVE, AN FNLA VIEW

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1. AN FNLA SOURCE, AMERICO VIEIRA DE ALMEIDA, CONCEDES THAT
MPLA'S RECENT SERIES OF COORDINATED STRIKES HAVE DESTROYED HIS
GROUP'S TIMETABLE WHICH HAD CALLED FOR A LATE JULY ATTACK ON
MPLA IN LUANDA. (WHETHER MPLA STRUCK NOW TO ABORT THE FNLA THREAT
IS UNKNOWN. INDISPUTABLE, HOWEVER, IS THAT MPLA HAD HEARD TALK OF
FNLA'S PLANS - AS HAD EVERYBODY ELSE HERE.) NOW, ACCORDING TO
THIS SOURCE, FNLA MUST PUT EVERYBODY ELSE HERE.) NOW, ACCORDING
TO THIS SOURCE, FNLA MUST PUT EVERYTHING ON A CRASH BASIS.

2. VIEIRA DE ALMEIDA CLAIMS FNLA HAS A PURCHASING AGENT IN BELGIUM
ABOUT TO CLOSE A DEAL FOR MORTARS, LIGHT ARTILLERY, ETC AND THAT
AN ITALIAN NEO-FASCIST GROUPS IS COMING ACROSS WITH A SHIPMENT
OF INFANTRY WEAPONS. FNLA'S TARGET NUMBER OF WHITE MERCENARIES IS
2,000 AND THEY'RE PRESENTLY NOWHERE NEAR THAT MARK.

3. THE INFORMANT SAYS PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES HAVE JUST SEIZED
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TWO SHIPS ANCHORED IN LUANDA'S BAY WITH MPLA ARMS ABOARD AND IM-
PRISONED THE CREWS. (WE'RE TRYING TO CHECK THIS ONE.)

4. FURTHER: FNLA TROOPS ARE REPORTEDLY DANGEROUSLY LOW ON AMMUNITION WHEREAS MPLA IS FLUSH. (THIS CORRESPONDS TO OTHER REPORTS.)

5. AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONSULATE SAYS FNLA IS BEGGING THEM FOR ARMS AND CASH. HE SAYS THEY'RE NOT BUYING THE DEAL. VIEIRA DE ALMEIDA SAYS THEY HAVE INDEED PROMISED HELP.

6. FOR KINSHASA: VIEIRA DE ALMEIDA SAYS HE'LL BE IN KINSHASA THIS WEEK. ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T IN ANY WAY ENCOURAGE HIM, HE MAY CONTACT THE EMBASSY.

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